

JOINT MEETING OF THE EL CAJON CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE EL CAJON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



MINUTES

CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

April 9, 2019

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, April 9, 2019, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Kendrick
Council/Agencymembers absent:	McClellan
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Goble
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Mitchell, City Manager/Executive Director DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Cortez, City Clerk/Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG led by Mayor Wells and MOMENT OF SILENCE. (The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council Meetings, is not permitted under the Constitution).

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the March 26, 2019, Meeting and the Agenda of the April 9, 2019, Meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS: None

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 9)

1. Minutes of El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy

Approves Minutes of the Minutes of the March 26, 2019, Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

2. Warrants

Approves payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title only

Approves the reading by title and waive the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

4. Award of Bid No. 028-19 – Traffic Sign Printing System

Adopts Resolution No. 027-19 to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Nusign Supply Texas, in the amount of \$32,020.35.

5. Support of the 2019 Miss El Cajon Scholarship Program

Designate \$1,500 from the City Council Contingency Budget for the Miss El Cajon Scholarship Program.

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CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

6. Purchase of Microsoft Licenses and Software Assurance Enterprise Agreement

Adopts Resolution No. 028-19 to authorize the City Manager or designee, in accordance with Municipal Code 3.20.010(C)(5), to execute a purchase agreement with SoftwareOne for the following:

1. Purchase new software licensing for database servers and user access totaling \$35,940.60; and
2. Enter into a new Microsoft License and Software Assurance Enterprise Agreement estimated at \$260,000 over a three-year term.

7. 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program Funding

Adopts Resolution No. 029-19 to authorize the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the FY 2018 State Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$77,573, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

8. Replacement of Fletcher Hills Pool Commercial Boiler

That the City Council:

1. Authorizes the proposed capital expenditure detailed in this report; and
2. Increase appropriations from fund balance in the Recreation Department Special Programs Fund not to exceed \$24,000.

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY DEPUTY MAYOR GOBLE:

9. Sewage Transportation Agreement between the City of San Diego and the City of El Cajon.

Adopts Resolution No. 030-19 to:

1. Approve the Sewage Transportation Agreement;
2. Appropriate \$4,514,000 from Wastewater Funds set aside to satisfy El Cajon's responsibility per Agreement;
3. Authorize reimbursement of \$3,622,572 to the City of San Diego for past Capital Improvement Program projects;
4. Authorize reimbursement of \$891,428 to the City of San Diego to cover amount due for Operations and Maintenance costs for the East Mission Gorge Pump Station; and
5. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 9 - Continued)

DISCUSSION

Deputy Mayor Goble acknowledged the sizeable savings on the amount due to the City of San Diego for wastewater treatment and disposal.

City Manager Mitchell provided information on the outstanding obligation with the City of San Diego for capital improvements pertaining to the City of El Cajon, regarding the sewage transportation agreement.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 9.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(McCLELLAN – Absent).**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charles J. Hoffman spoke about the lack of parking on Berrydale Street, mostly due to the dense apartment buildings built in the area. He requested the assistance from the City to resolve the situation.

City Manager Mitchell acknowledged the parking issues on Mr. Hoffman's street, and stated that three sides of Berrydale Street are surrounded by the County of San Diego city boundaries, which limits the City of El Cajon in its efforts to regulate street parking.

Dolores Landers stated that problems with property located at 1333 Helix View Drive continue in regards to vehicles on the right-of-way. She added she heard a rumor that the City is the owner of the mentioned property, and would like to confirm if that is in fact the truth. Ms. Landers provided documentation to Mayor Wells, Councilmember Kendrick and McClellan regarding 1333 Helix View Drive.

City Manager Mitchell stated that a Code Enforcement officer and a Police Officer have visited the property on Helix View Drive, and found no violations. He will verify ownership of the property and report the information to Council.

Jim Cirigliano stated he will be meeting with City Manager Mitchell regarding rent mediation for Villa Novia Mobile Home Park. He gave a summary of the previous council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

Lynn Powell-Macklin spoke about the lack of parking in the city, especially in areas where apartment buildings are abundant. She stated that apartment buildings are now charging an additional fee for a parking space.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

10. City Council Vacancy

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accepts applications through April 17, 2019, 5:00 p.m., to fill a vacant City Council position, and appoints an individual at the April 23, 2019 meeting.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Bonnie Price spoke in support of a Special Election to encourage democracy in the process.

Estela De Los Rios spoke in support of a Special Election to elect the new Councilmember. She added that applications need to be reviewed carefully to make a proper choice.

George Ibarra spoke in support of a Special Election, he stated that previous appointees have not been qualified to be Councilmembers.

Ingrid Lopez spoke in support of a Special Election to select a qualified Councilmember.

Robert Clark encouraged Council to hold a Special Election by mail ballot only to elect the new Councilmember, he stated it would be less costly.

Councilmember Kendrick stated that there have been several highly qualified applicants in the past, he would encourage appointing a Councilmember to save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)

Deputy Mayor Goble stated that spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to fill a seat for a year and a half is extreme. He disagrees with the opinion that an appointee would automatically have an advantage in the 2020 Election, and suggested extending the application period until April 26, 2019, to attract a larger number of candidates.

Mayor Wells stated he would rather appoint a councilmember, and spend the money saved by not holding a special election on safety personnel, such as Police and Fire. He suggested accepting applications until April 17, 2019 and proceeding with interviews at the April 23, 2019 meeting.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to MOVE to the appointment process and select a Councilmember on the April 23, 2019 Meeting.

**MOTION FAILED – 2- 1 Vote
(GOBLE – No, McCLELLAN – Absent)**

Discussion ensued among **Council** and **Staff** concerning the following:

- Length of time to accept applications;
- Considering the public's point of view;
- Using the City's resources to reach more applicants;
- Discussion of interview procedures at the 3:00 p.m. meeting on May 14, 2019;
- Allowing submittal of video for candidates not able to attend the May 14, 2019 interview; and
- Suggested application period until April 26, 2019; Interviews to be held on May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ACCEPT applications through April 26, 2019, 4:30 p.m., to fill a vacant City Council position, and appoint an individual at the May 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m., meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(McCLELLAN – Absent).**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

11. Consider Directing Staff to Retain Consultant Services to Examine Development Impact Fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council directs staff to retain the services of a qualified consultant to analyze the possible initiation of development impact fees.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio introduced **Management Analyst Ryan Villegas**, and **Director of Public Works Dirk Epperson**, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among **Council** and **Staff** concerning the following:

- Request for report on consideration of negative impact fees;
- Consider the California Consumer Price Index to compare to other cities;
- El Cajon is the only city in the region with no development impact fees; and
- Type and amount of fees to be considered.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to DIRECT staff to retain the services of a qualified consultant to analyze the possible initiation of development impact fees.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(McCLELLAN – Absent).**

Mayor Wells allowed a Public Comment to be made at this time.

Michelle Metschel requested 'No Dumping' signs to be installed throughout the City to prevent people dropping off waste on city sidewalks.

Deputy Mayor Goble announced the partnership with the East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC), for cleanup services throughout the City.

City Manager Mitchell added that staff is reviewing the last details of the agreement with ECTLC, and that an implementation date would soon be presented to Council.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) Board of Directors; SANDAG – Public Relations Selection Committee; League of California Cities, San Diego Division; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate; LAFCO.

12. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

13. Legislative Update

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided information on Assembly Bill 1356 (Ting), which controls, regulates and tax the adult use of marijuana from Proposition 64, at the November 8, 2016, General Election. The bill would allow any jurisdiction that voted by a 50% or more vote, to issue a minimum number of local licenses authorizing adult-use or medical retail cannabis commercial activity. Staff requested a letter of opposition for AB1356, and direction to continue to monitor the bill.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to DIRECT staff to send a letter of opposition for AB1356.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(McCLELLAN – Absent).**

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

14. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

15. COUNCILMEMBER BOB MCCLELLAN
MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board); Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; Heartland Communications – Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

16. DEPUTY MAYOR STEVE GOBLE
SANDAG – Board of Directors – Alternate; SANDAG Public Safety Committee – Alternate; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate; Chamber of Commerce – Government Affairs Committee; MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board) – Alternate; East County Economic Development Council.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

17. Ordinance Amending Specific Plan No. 182

RECOMMENDATION:

That **Mayor Wells** request the **City Clerk** to recite the title.

The **City Clerk** recited the title of the ordinance.

An Ordinance Amending Specific Plan No. 182 to allow for free standing signs up to 20 feet high on qualifying development sites.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5080.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(McCLELLAN – Absent).**

CLOSED SESSIONS: None

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 9th day of April, 2019, at 4:17 p.m., to Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

Angela Cortez, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary